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WINGMAN DAY

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Team Little Rock Airmen play tug-of-war during Wingman Day at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 23. Other events held during the day included kickball,, bowling and basketball among many others.

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USTRANSCOM LEADERS VISIT

Leadership from USTRANSCOM made a stop at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 20 to look at the overall health of the C-130 fleet and familiarize themselves with capabilities and challenges involved with providing tactical airlift.

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USTRANSCOM leaders visit LRAFB

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(Above) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. James Bray, 19th Logistics Readiness Squadron air transportation function, was recognized as a superior performer by U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jason France, U.S. Transportation Command senior enlisted leader, during a recent visit to the 19th LRS aerial delivery flight at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 20.

(Right) U.S. Army Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, U.S. Transportation Command commander, meets with Airmen from the 19th Logistics Readiness Squadron aerial delivery flight at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 20. A stop at the aerial delivery flight highlighted the significant contribution the section has on enabling cargo airdrop training for Department of Defense. Lyons finished his trip with a stop at the 34th Combat Training Squadron to hear how the unit enables joint lethality by operating Exercise Green Flag Little Rock, Air Mobility Command's only joint-accredited training venue. The exercise develops and strengthens those competencies such as aeromedical evacuation and contingency response that are critical to the joint fight.



U.S. Army Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, U.S. Transportation Command commander, shakes hands with U.S. Air Force Maj. Andrew Miller, 61st Airlift Squadron commander, at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 20. While visiting the Home of Combat Airlift, Lyons received an overall look at the health of the C-130 fleet and became familiarized with the capabilities and challenges involved with providing tactical airlift to combatant commands. He also reviewed the restructured approach to deploying squadrons that allows collective focus on improving readiness by synchronizing dwell times for units, affording collective training opportunities that did not exist under the previous deployment schedule. USTRANSCOM is a unified, functional combatant command that provides support to the nine other U.S. combatant commands, the military services, defense agencies and other government organizations. As commander, Lyons is responsible for delivering globally-integrated mobility, deployment and distribution solutions and enabling capabilities for full-spectrum requirements in support of national objectives.



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COMBAT AIRLIFTER OF THE WEEK



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Standardizing wingmanship: 19th MXS PMEL

Story and photos by Airman 1st Class

Kristine M. Gruwell

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Every day, Airmen use different tools for their job. A torque wrench is used on the flight line to fix an aircraft. A tape measure is used to measure the waist of an Airman taking a physical training test. Airmen train with gas masks, which prevent the inhalation of harmful nerve, chemical and biological agents.

Calibrating each piece of equipment is an everyday task for the 19th Maintenance Squadron Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory Flight. They receive numerous pieces of equipment needing to be calibrated for pressure, torque, voltage, resistance or frequency. PMEL does it all.

“Everything the customer uses has to be accurate,” said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tanner Peck, 19th MXS PMEL technician. “We are the shop that keeps that standard.”

Due to the wide range of equipment, the shop is divided into two main sections: physical/dimensional and electrical. This separation helps Airmen stay up-to-date with their training and confident while calibrating equipment.

“Not one person knows how to do everything,” Peck said. “It’s very difficult



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in PMEL to be 100 percent task-qualified, so we rely on each other to make sure we can calibrate everything that comes through our door.”

The diverse types of measurements and calibrations aren’t the only criteria PMEL Airmen must be skilled in. Standards for new pieces of equipment arrive on a regular basis enforcing constant internal

See Wingmanship, 6



An Airmen assigned to the 19th Maintenance Squadron Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory Flight measures frequency at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 16. PMEL Airmen are responsible for the accuracy of equipment used to take different types of measurements to perform the mission at Little Rock AFB and the surrounding areas.

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Matthew Petrus, 19th Maintenance Squadron precision measurement equipment laboratory journeyman, calibrates a height transfer standard at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 16. PMEL Airmen are responsible for the accuracy of equipment used to take different types of measurements needed to perform the mission at Little Rock AFB and the surrounding areas.

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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tanner Peck, 19th Maintenance Squadron precision measurement equipment laboratory journeyman, generates the three states of water simultaneously at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 16. PMEL receives numerous pieces of equipment for numerous calibrations, such as pressure, torque, voltage, resistance or frequency.

Wingmanship

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training and wingmanship to ensure equipment stays mission ready.

"When our shop received new standards for our force stand, I was the only one who knew those standards because they were used at my previous base," said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Emma Morgan, 19th MXS PMEL Flight test maintenance diagnostic equipment technician. "I was able to bring my knowledge here and teach my section during a training session."

While PMEL Airmen can get busy in standard and calibration training, it's important to remember how they fit

into the overall mission. Without those standards, aircraft brakes wouldn't work and electrical signals would be misread causing serious issues and failures in the mission.

"We only see the equipment when it comes in as a stand-alone unit," Peck said. "When we get the chance to go out and see how that equipment is used in the field, it shows you how impactful it really is to the mission. It helps you understand how a calibration can affect the entire base."

Keeping every Airmen 100 percent trained on each piece of equipment in PMEL isn't always possible; working together for each standard and calibration makes sure Team Little Rock accurately executes Rapid Global Mobility when and where it's needed.

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Team Little Rock conducts WINGMAN DAY



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U.S. Air Force Col. Gerald Donohue, 19th Airlift Wing commander, speaks with Team Little Rock Airmen during Wingman Day at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 23. Wingman Day is held to reinforce the Air Force Wingman concept and build resilient Airmen.

Team Little Rock members came together for Wingman Day events across the base May 23, 2019.

Wingman Day is a day set aside devoted to wingmanship by providing an opportunity to enjoy competitive sports, food and other activities.

Active-duty members, Reservists, Guardsmen and civilians assigned to Little Rock AFB were encouraged to put together teams and participate in one or more of the 11 events.

"One of the benefits of Wingman Days is that they allow us a chance to collectively step back from the mission," said Col. Gerald Donohue, 19th Airlift Wing commander.

This Wingman Day focused more on the physical realm with the day centered on sports. Some activities throughout the day included basketball, soccer, kickball, dodgeball, bowling and ended the day with tug-of-war.

"I want to drive home the absolute necessity that we all understand looking out for one another is not an additional responsibility or an afterthought – it is an essential duty, and we have to treat it as such," Donohue said.

The 19th Maintenance Squadron took home first place overall, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron placed second, and the 19th Civil Engineer Squadron landed in third place.



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Team Little Rock Airmen hold up trophies received during Wingman Day closing ceremonies at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 23. The 19th Maintenance Squadron earned first place, and the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 19th Civil Engineer Squadron came in second and third, respectively.

"I hope Wingman Day serves as a reminder that we must always continue looking out for one another," Donohue said. "Combat Airlift is a team sport, plain and simple."



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(Above) Team Little Rock Airmen play kickball during Wingman Day at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 23. Wingman Day offered Airmen a way to enhance morale and encouraged friendly competition among units.

(Left) Team Little Rock Airmen play soccer during Wingman Day at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 23. Multiple events were held to encourage teamwork and offer Airmen an opportunity to compete against other squadrons for a chance to earn a trophy.

(Far left) Team Little Rock Airmen play basketball during Wingman Day at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 23. The 19th Wing Staff Agencies team won the basketball tournament against the 19th Medical Group.



(Above) U.S. Air Force 1st. Lt. Nathan Singer, 61st Airlift Squadron pilot, returns home from a deployment and reunites with his young son at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 17. Nearly 150 Team Little Rock Airmen returned home from a deployment where they provided tactical combat airlift support to various components around the area of responsibility.

(Right) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michelle Hutchison, 19th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment flight shift supervisor, returns home from a deployment and reunites with her family at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 17.



Deployers return

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A C-130J Super Hercules taxis on the flight line after returning home from deployment at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 17. The C-130J and its support personnel provided tactical airlift, aeromedical evacuation, cargo and personnel airlift, and airdrop needed to support deployed operations.

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Emily Stinson and her son, Shepherd, anxiously await the arrival of U.S. Air Force Maj. Michael Stinson, 61st Airlift Squadron assistant director of operations, at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 17 as he returned from deployment. Nearly 150 Team Little Rock Airmen returned home from a deployment where they provided tactical combat airlift support to various components around the area of responsibility.



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Angel Milan, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance unit chief, greets his family at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 17 after returning home from a deployment.



U.S. Air Force 1st. Lt. Nathan Singer, 61st Airlift Squadron pilot, returns home from a deployment and reunites with his family at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 17.

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Reserve unit returns from deployment

Story by Capt. Ashley Walker
913th Airlift Group

More than 100 Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 913th Airlift Group returned from deployment to Little Rock Air Force Base on May 19 from various bases in Southwest Asia in support of Operations Freedom's Sentinel and NATO's Resolute Support. The deployed group consisted of the 327th Airlift Squadron, 913th Maintenance Squadron, and is augmented by members of the 403rd Wing and active-duty personnel from the 19th Airlift Wing.

During the deployment, the Airmen provided C-130J combat airlift capabilities across the deployed theater supporting U.S. Central Command operations. This first deployment proved the Air Force Reserve group can fulfill its mission of providing combat ready tactical airlift and support resources worldwide.

"The combined Reserve and active-duty team did a fantastic job downrange," said U.S. Air Force Reserve Col. Christopher Lay, 913th AG commander. "Their hard-work and efforts prove that we can continue to provide strategic depth and operational capability in meeting our combatant

commander's expectations. I'm proud of our Airmen's accomplishments."

After converting to the classic association with the 19th AW in 2017, the 913th AG became a combat coded C-130J unit. Throughout the year, the 913th AG partnered with various reserve and active duty combat airlift units to synergize training and exercise events.

"The challenge with being a Reservist is meeting the high readiness standards in such short time frames," said U.S. Air Force Reserve Col. Anthony Brusca, 913th AG deputy commander. "As Traditional Reservists, most personnel hold full-time civilian jobs and work a minimum one weekend a month and two weeks a year in military status. We truly appreciate their efforts and the unwavering support from their families."

During 2018, the 913th AG trained approximately 500 Airmen for worldwide deployments, successfully participated in four major exercises and deployed 39 individual Airmen to support combatant commanders across the globe. These efforts ensure the Air Force Reserve is a lethal, combat-ready force.

U.S. Air Force Reserve Tech. Sgt. Richard Gibson, 913th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, kisses his wife after returning from deployment at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 19. Throughout the year, the 913th Airlift Group partnered with various reserve and active duty combat airlift units to synergize training and exercise events.



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U.S. Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Chris Dickens, 327th Airlift Squadron chief pilot, hugs his daughter after returning from deployment at Little Rock Air Force Base on May 19. After converting to the classic association with the 19th Airlift Wing in 2017, the 913th Airlift Group became a combat-coded C-130J unit.



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U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY CAPT. ASHLEY WALKER

Reserve Citizen Airman Tech. Sgt. Gauge Adkins, 913th Maintenance Squadron, greets his family after a deployment to Southwest Asia on May 19. This first deployment proved the Air Force Reserve group can fulfill its mission of providing combat ready tactical airlift and support resources worldwide.

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A Reserve Citizen Airman greets his family on May 19 at Little Rock Air Force Base after a deployment to Southwest Asia. This first deployment proved the Air Force Reserve group can fulfill its mission of providing combat ready tactical airlift and support resources worldwide.



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